

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1915, Dr. Carter G. Woodson of Virginia founded the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History (ASAALH), the organization which originated the annual observance of Negro History Week. This observance has continued and is now celebrated throughout the month of February as National Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, the ASAALH's theme for Black History Month 2006 is "Celebrating Community: A Tribute to Black Fraternal, Social and Civic Institutions." and

WHEREAS, an exhibit of posters honoring the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by Alexandria Public School students is on view in the Vola Lawson Lobby of City Hall; and

WHEREAS, The Alexandria Black History Museum opens a new exhibition in February called *Wrapped in Pride: Ghanaian Kente and African – American Identity*, a traveling exhibition sponsored by ExhibitsUSA; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Black History Museum continues to document, preserve and disseminate African – American history through programs in the Museum and Watson Reading Room. These programs include free tutoring, language classes, performances and literary events; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Black History Museum has planned a series of special events that highlight and celebrate all aspects of African – American history and culture;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council and the citizens of Alexandria do proclaim the month of February 2006, as:

"BLACK HISTORY MONTH"

in Alexandria, Virginia

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 24th day of January 2006.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR
On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk